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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN SITUATION - FRENCH AMBASSADOR APPROACHED  
BY VORSTER

1. IN CALL NOVEMBER 20 ON DEPTOFF, FRENCH POLITICAL COUN-  
SELOR VALADAS INFORMED US THAT FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN  
PRETORIA HAD BEEN SUMMONED BY PRIME MINISTER VORSTER ON  
NOVEMBER 14 FOR TALK ON ANGOLA. ACCORDING TO FRENCH  
EMBASSY REPORT, VORSTER, AFTER REVIEWING THE SERIOUSNESS  
OF THE SITUATION AND OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, AND  
NOTING THAT SOVIET WARSHIPS WERE PATROLLING IN THE SEA  
LANES OFF ANGOLA, SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE WISE FOR  
AMERICAN AND FRENCH SHIPS TO SHOW A PRESENCE IN THE SAME  
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AREA. VORSTER REPORTEDLY TOLD FRENCH AMBASSADOR THAT HE

HAD ALSO RAISED THIS MATTER WITH OUR AMBASSADOR IN PRETORIA. HE DID NOT MENTION HAVING APPROACHED BRITISH. VALADAS SAID THAT THE FRENCH MILITARY ATTACHE HAD ALSO BEEN APPROACHED ON NOVEMBER 18 ALONG THE SAME LINES BY TOP SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS.

2. VALADAS ASKED IF IT WAS CORRECT THAT OUR AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN APPROACHED WITH THE SAME SUGGESTION. DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT AMBASSADOR BOWDLER HAD BEEN CALLED BY PRIMIN VORSTER AND LECTURED ON THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA BUT THAT VORSTER HAD NOT REPEAT NOT ASKED US TO TAKE ANY ACTION OF THE SORT MENTIONED BY VALADAS.

3. VALADAS ASKED IF WE HAD EVIDENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN ANGOLA. DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT WE HAD NUMEROUS REPORTS TO THIS EFFECT BUT NO PROOF. VALADAS INFORMED US THAT FRENCH CONSUL IN POINTE NOIRE HAD REPORTED PERSONALLY OBSERVING RECENT ARRIVAL OF SOVIET SHIPMENT OF "LARGE QUANTITIES" OF ARMS, INCLUDING HEAVY WEAPONS AND PLANES.

4. WHEN ASKED, VALADAS OPINED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE VERY LEERY OF ANY SORT OF NAVAL SHOW OF FORCE AS SUGGESTED BY VORSTER. HE OFFERED TO KEEP US INFORMED ON THEIR REPLY. KISSINGER

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